

Bently Nevada hosts joint Year 2000 meeting with EPRI

Customer concerns regarding "embedded systems" and machinery protection system integrity addressed

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Bently Nevada's customers worldwide share common concerns and expectations regarding the Year 2000 rollover; namely, that their installed machinery protection and management systems continue to operate reliably, safely, and properly. Bently Nevada has developed and maintained a thorough and proactive approach to these concerns. We have communicated extensively with our customers on this topic to ensure they understand which of our products are affected and how they can be made Year 2000 compliant.

The electric power generation industry relies heavily on Bently Nevada's products, and many of our customers within this industry are affiliated with the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI). EPRI is currently helping their member companies determine the impact of the Year 2000 on critical instrumentation suppliers to the electric power industry, particularly those with *embedded firmware* that could potentially be affected by the Year 2000 rollover.

Protection Systems
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Because Bently Nevada's products play such a significant and critical role in the electric power industry, one of the EPRI task teams looking at Year 2000 issues is specifically devoted to assessing how Bently Nevada products are affected. To address these concerns, Bently Nevada recently hosted a meeting at our corporate headquarters with an EPRI task team consisting of both EPRI personnel and their member companies.

Of primary concern to the EPRI task team was whether or not our machinery protection systems would be adversely affected by the Year 2000 rollover and result in false or missed machine trips. *None of our machinery protection systems (even those with embedded firmware) are affected in their machinery protection functions by Year 2000 issues.* The meeting allowed Bently Nevada to respond to and fully satisfy the concerns and questions raised, and was considered a success by all attendees. For extensive information on our Year 2000 compliance, consult our website at www.bently.com.

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